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SUBJ: EPMG DENOUNCES JORDANIAN PRESS

1. IN MARCH 4 ETHIOPIAN HERALD, SPOKESMAN FOR MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND NATIONAL GUIDANCE STATED REACTIONARY PRESS IN JORDAN CONDUCTING VILIFICATION CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOCIALIST ETHIOPIA. ARTICLE NOTED JORDIAN PRESS, PARTICULARLY ALL-RA'I, AL-SHAAH, AND AL-DESTOUR HAD BEEN URGING "EGYPTIAN-SUDANESE -SYRAIN MINI-SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM TO WORK WITH OTHER REACTIONARY ARAB COUNTRIES IN ORDER EFFECT SECESSION OF ERITREA REGION FROM ITS MOTHERLAND ETHIOPIA." ARTICLE ALSO NOTED SAME NEWSPAPERS URGING DJIBOUTI BE ANNEXED BY SOMALIA. SPOKESMAN INDICATED IT REGRETTABLE THAT SUCH PROVOCATIVE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST ETHIOPIA-PART AND PARCEL OF BLACK AFRICA-ON EVE AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE.

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2. SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT REACTIONARY PRESS IN JORDAN SHOULD SPEAK OF SUDAN FACING PRESSURE FROM ETHIOPIA, AS ETHIOPIA NEVER HAS AND NEVER SHALL BE THREAT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. NOTING ETHIOPIA'S POLICY TO ESTABLISH CLOSE TIES WITH ALL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND PRO-

GRESSIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SPOKESMAN COMMENTED THAT JORDANIAN PRESS COMPLETELY IGNORANT OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN POLICY. SPIKESMAN STATED THAT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY JORDANIAN PRESS "WHOSE FINANCIERS KNOWN IMPERIALISTS" BOUND TO FAIL. PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF CAMPAIGN TO COVER UP GROSS INTERFERENCE BY NIMEIRI REGIME IN ETHIOPIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. MOTIVE OF SINSITER CAMPAIGN TO CONBERT RED SEA INTO ARAB LAKE. ARTICLE CLOSED BY NOTING THAT BROAD OPPRESSED MASSES OF DJIBOUTI SUFFERING UNDER COLONIAL YOKE KNEW THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS AND WOULD EXPECT NO SOLUTION IMPOSED BY REACTIONARY PAPERS.

3. TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS FIRST TIME THAT EPMG HAS ADDED JORDAN BY NAME TO LIST OF ARAB COUNTIRES SUPPORTING ERITRAN CAUSE.
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